

self-audits to identify and rectify potentially unlawful pay disparities and allows for reasonable employer defenses against trial lawyer abuses (by a ye-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 107).

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H. Res. 303, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 7) and (H.R. 1195) was agreed to yesterday, April 14th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Wednesday, April 14th.

Fraud and Scam Reduction Act: H.R. 1215, amended, to establish an office within the Federal Trade Commission and an outside advisory group to prevent fraud targeting seniors and to direct the Commission to include additional information in an annual report to Congress on fraud targeting seniors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 104;

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Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2021: H.R. 1460, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 362 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 105;

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Timely ReAuthorization of Necessary Stem-cell Programs Lends Access to Needed Therapies Act of 2021: H.R. 941, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 109;

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Protecting Seniors from Emergency Scams Act: H.R. 446, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 110;

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Protecting Indian Tribes from Scams Act: H.R. 1762, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices targeted at Indian Tribes or members of Indian Tribes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 111;

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Debarment Enforcement of Bad Actor Registrants Act of 2021: H.R. 1002, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to authorize the debarment of certain registrants, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 112;

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Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act of 2021: H.R. 1899, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manu-

facture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 113;

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Microloan Improvement Act of 2021: H.R. 1502, to amend the Small Business Act to optimize the operations of the microloan program, lower costs for small business concerns and intermediary participants in the program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 114;

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Microloan Transparency and Accountability Act of 2021: H.R. 1487, to amend the Small Business Act to increase transparency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 115; and

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504 Modernization and Small Manufacturer Enhancement Act of 2021: H.R. 1490, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the loan guaranty program, enhance the ability of small manufacturers to access affordable capital, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 116.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he declared a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–29).

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Senate Referral: S. 400 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1799.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirteen ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1825, H1825–26, H1826–27, H1827–28, H1828, H1829, H1829–30, H1830–31, H1831–32, H1832, H1833, H1834, and H1834–35.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INCREASING RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND NOAA'S ROLE IN PROVIDING CLIMATE SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Increasing Risks of Climate Change and NOAA’s Role in Providing Climate

Services”. Testimony was heard from Nicole LeBoeuf, Acting Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service, and performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Craig S. Faller, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Victoria Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Andria Weeks, Acting Director of Strategic Planning, Budget, and Accountability, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in Europe”. Testimony was heard from Laura Cooper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia, Department of Defense; and General Tod Wolters, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. European Command.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE SERVICES INSPECTOR GENERALS: ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Inspector General and the Services Inspector Generals: Roles, Responsibilities and Opportunities for Improvement”. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Donnell, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Leslie C. Smith, Inspector General of the Army; Lieutenant General Sami D. Said, Inspector General of the Air Force; Vice Admiral Richard P. Snyder, Naval Inspector General; and Major General Robert F. Castellvi, Inspector General of the Marine Corps.

MEETING THE MOMENT: IMPROVING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Meeting the Moment: Improving Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CLEAN FUTURE ACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: PROTECTING FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act and Environmental Justice: Protecting Frontline Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANKING INNOVATION OR REGULATORY EVASION? EXPLORING TRENDS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION CHARTERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Banking Innovation or Regulatory Evasion? Exploring Trends in Financial Institution Charters”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE END OF LIBOR: TRANSITIONING TO AN ALTERNATIVE INTEREST RATE CALCULATION FOR MORTGAGES, STUDENT LOANS, BUSINESS BORROWING, AND OTHER FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “The End of LIBOR: Transitioning to an Alternative Interest Rate Calculation for Mortgages, Student Loans, Business Borrowing, and Other Financial Products”. Testimony was heard from Dan Coates, Senior Associate Director, Office of Risk Analysis and Modeling, Federal Housing Finance Agency; John Coates, Acting Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission; Brian Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Finance, Department of the Treasury; Mark Van Der Weide, General Counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Kevin Walsh, Deputy Comptroller, Market Risk Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

10 YEARS OF WAR: EXAMINING THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “10 Years of War: Examining the Ongoing Conflict in Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on H. Res. 316, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress; and Committee Resolution 117–13, a Resolution to Approve Franked Mail Allowances for Committees for the 117th Congress. H. Res. 316 and Committee Resolution 117–13 were agreed to.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE AND PREPARATIONS FOR AND RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK OF JANUARY 6TH

Committee on Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Capitol Police and Preparations for and Response to the Attack of January 6th”. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Bolton, Inspector General, U.S. Capitol Police.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: On April 14, 2021, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1333, the “National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Non-immigrants Act”; H.R. 1573, the “Access to Coun-

sel Act of 2021”; H.R. 40, the “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act”; and the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law report on Final Report on Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets. The report on Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1333, H.R. 1573, and H.R. 40 were ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING BACK BETTER: CREATING JOBS AND REDUCING POLLUTION BY PLUGGING AND RECLAIMING ORPHANED WELLS

Committee On Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Creating Jobs and Reducing Pollution by Plugging and Reclaiming Orphaned Wells”. Testimony was heard from Representative Leger Fernandez and public witnesses.

REACHING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL: A SCIENCE-DRIVEN APPROACH TO SWIFTLY AND SAFELY ENDING THE PANDEMIC

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Reaching the Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Science-Driven Approach to Swiftly and Safely Ending the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Health; David Kessler, M.D., Chief Science Officer, COVID Response; and Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

REIMAGINING OUR INNOVATION FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reimagining our Innovation Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARD A CARBON-FREE MARITIME INDUSTRY: UPDATES ON FUELS, PORTS, AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Practical Steps Toward a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Updates on Fuels, Ports, and Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 234, the “Korean

American VALOR Act”; H.R. 344, the “Women Veterans TRUST Act”; H.R. 958, the “Protecting Moms Who Served Act”; H.R. 1448, the “PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act”; H.R. 1510, the “Veterans’ Camera Reporting Act”; legislation on DOULA for VA Act; legislation on Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021; legislation to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and legislation on Providing Benefits Information in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Families Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano, and Representatives Underwood, Stivers, Jeffries, Axne, and Lawrence; Clifford A. Smith, Director, Analytics, Innovations and Collaborations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; and Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Part of this hearing was closed.

MAKING THE CASE FOR CLIMATE ACTION: THE GROWING RISKS AND COSTS OF INACTION

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Select Committee on the Climate Crisis held a hearing entitled “Making the Case for Climate Action: The Growing Risks and Costs of Inaction”. Testimony was heard from Shawn Gillen, City Manager, Tybee Island, Georgia; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano, and Representatives Davids of Kansas,

Aguilar, Taylor, Scanlon, Arrington, Jacobs, Lee, Case, Schrier, Cicilline, McCollum, Jeffries, LaMalfa, Hoyer, Clark of Massachusetts, Hinson, Obernolte, Gottheimer, Scalise, Rice of New York, Moulton, Smith of Missouri, and Meijer.

Joint Meetings

VACCINATIONS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Joint Economic Committee: On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Committee concluded a hearing to examine vaccinations and economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Paul Romer, New York University, Celine Gounder, New York University School of Medicine and Bellevue Hospital, and Belinda Archibong, Barnard College, all of New York, New York; and Alexander Tabarrok, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D329)

H.R. 1868, to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts. Signed on April 14, 2021. (Public Law 117–7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “Innovation in Development Policy: Maximizing Impact and Results”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Hearing on Agency Compliance with the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA)”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.